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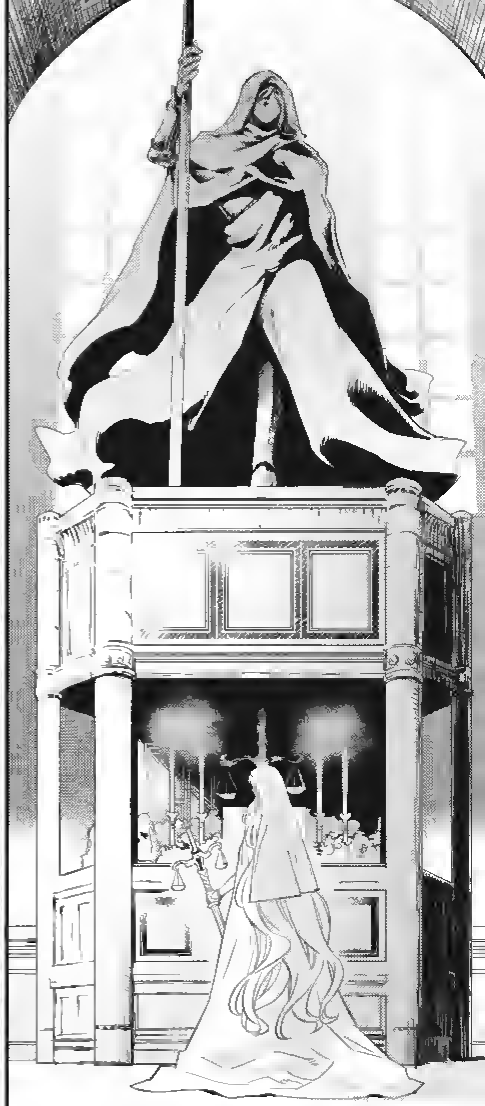

Story: Goblin Slayer is a Silver-ranked adventurer who hunts nothing but goblins. Receiving a request from Sword Maiden, a former hero, he goes to her temple in the water town...

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UM ...
OH!
IT'S ...
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.
A HISTORIC FIGURE— NOT ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES, BUT ONLY A HUMAN...
SHE WAS SECOND AMONG THE PARTY OF GOLD-RANKED ADVENTURERS WHO DEFEATED ONE OF THE RESURRECTED DEMON LORDS TEN YEARS AGO.
SWORD MAIDEN!
HONORED WARRIOR ...
AND DEAR, SWEET PRIESTESS.
I MAY APPEAR AS A FEARSOME NAGA...
...BUT I ASSURE YOU ALL MY POWERS ARE AT YOUR COMMAND.
AHEM.
WE ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THIS PARTY.

HEH-HEH! YOU SEEM ADVENTURERS INDEED.
WELCOME TO THE TEMPLE OF THE LAW, O SCALED MONK.
ENOUGH BANTER.
TELL ME THE DETAILS OF THE QUEST.
AND I WELCOME YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.
THAT MAKES US FELLOWS.

IT SEEMS A DOUGHTY GROUP HAS COME TO MY AID...
...AND FOR THAT, I AM MOST GRATEFUL.
IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
J-JUST A SECOND!
THAT'S RUDE TO THE ARCH-BISHOP!
YOU CAN'T—
IF YOU...
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING. OUT OF CURIOSITY.
IS THAT SO?
NOW. WHERE ARE THE GOBLINS?
I HAVE NO LIVING RELATIVES.
...LEARNED THAT YOUR OWN KIN WERE AIDING THE FORCES OF CHAOS, COULD YOU KILL THEM?
NO.

IT BEGAN ABOUT A MONTH AGO.
I DISPATCHED AN ACOLYTE GIRL FROM THE TEMPLE LATE ONE NIGHT, AS A MESSENGER, BUT SHE DIDN'T COME BACK.
HER BODY WAS FOUND IN THE SEWERS THE NEXT DAY.
ACCORDING TO REPORTS, SHE HAD BEEN... CARVED UP WHILE STILL ALIVE.
THAT'S ...
THAT'S TERRIBLE ...
WHILE STILL ALIVE...
HAD THE BODY BEEN MOVED?
WAS ANY PART OF HER EATEN? OR WAS SHE ONLY KILLED?
AND...
ORCBOLG... TAKE IT EASY.
THAT'S INSENSITIVE EVEN FOR YOU.
...
GO ON.

IT WAS A TRULY AWFUL EVENT.
HAD MERE THUGS DONE IT? AGENTS OF CHAOS? ADHERENTS OF EVIL SECTS?
EVEN AS THE TOWN GUARD SOUGHT THE PERPETRATOR, OTHERS SUFFERED AND DIED.
WOMEN, MUTILATED AND MURDERED.
OTHERS KIDNAPPED ...
NO TRAILS WERE FOUND, SO WE TRIED TO STOP THE CRIMES FROM HAPPENING.
A QUEST WAS ISSUED; ADVENTURERS PATROLLED THE STREETS AT NIGHT.
FINALLY ONE OF THEM SPOTTED A SMALL HUMANOID FIGURE ATTACKING A WOMAN.

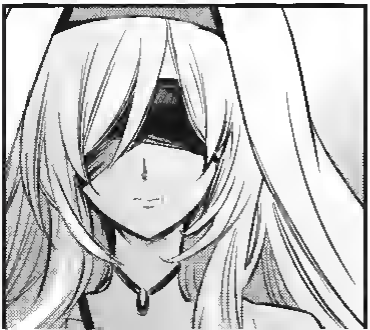
THEY CUT THE CRIMINAL DOWN...
...TO DISCOVER THAT IT WAS A GOBLIN.
GOBLINS NEVER COME IN ONES OR TWOS.
THAT'S A LOT OF DESTRUCTION FOR SOME WANDERING MONSTERS.
GOBLINS ALL ALONG...
HOW DID THEY GET INTO THE CITY?
GOBLINS ARE APT TO HIDE UNDERGROUND.
THIS CITY WAS BUILT ON THE RUINS OF AN EVEN OLDER ONE. BENEATH THE STREETS IS A VERITABLE LABYRINTH.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IN THAT CASE, I'M CONFIDENT.
IF I WERE THEM, I WOULD SIMPLY MAKE MY NEST IN THE SEWERS.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THEY THINK, YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM.
YOU SEEM AWFULLY COZY WITH THESE GOBLINS...
SURELY IT WAS GOD HIMSELF...
...WHO LED AN ADVENTURER LIKE YOU TO ANSWER MY CALL.
WE ISSUED A QUEST TO THE TOWN'S ADVENTURERS, BUT NO ONE WHO WENT... CAME BACK...
...WE ALSO CONCLUDED THAT THEY MUST BE UNDERGROUND.
YOU'RE CORRECT. AFTER A MONTH...

I THINK YOU SHOULD.
THOSE BALLADS WILL LIVE ON MUCH LONGER THAN YOU DO.
SO WHAT?

IT WAS THEN THAT I HEARD A SONG OF GOBLIN SLAYER, HERO OF THE FRONTIER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...
...BY "SONG"?

REAL-LY?!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? THE BARDS ARE SINGING ABOUT YOU, ORCBOLG!
I DON'T CARE.

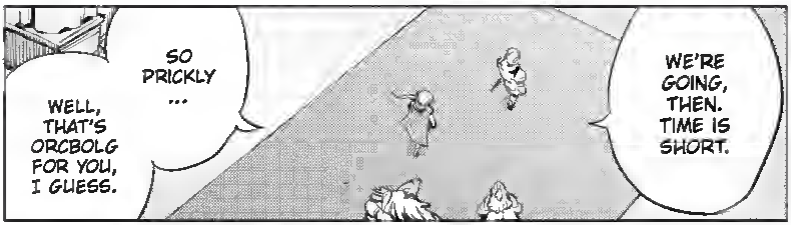


THINK OF IT THIS WAY...
IF WORD OF YOUR BRAVE DEEDS GETS OUT, PEOPLE WILL COME TO YOU WHEN THEY HAVE GOBLIN TROUBLES.
HMM.

I CAN'T PROMISE TO SAVE ANYTHING.
BUT I WILL KILL THE GOBLINS.
CAN I NOT PREVAIL UPON YOU TO SAVE OUR TOWN?
PLEASE!
I NEVER LIKED THAT STUFF ANYWAY!
THE SEWERS... THAT MEANS YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE YOUR NORMAL TACTICS.
ERK
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO BE SO CAREFUL!
IT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?
...!
WATCH HOW YOU TALK!

THE TOWN WILL BE JUST ABOVE US. SO NO FIRE AND NO WATER AND NO POISON AND NO GOBLIN GUTS!
I KNOW...
SURELY THIS FALLS WITHIN THEIR PURVIEW?
BUT WHY CAN THE TOWN GUARD, OR THE ARMY, NOT EXTERMINATE THEM?
GOSH... TOUGH WORLD...
DIDN'T THEY?
THEY SAID THEY COULDN'T BE BOTHERED WITH THE LIKES OF GOBLINS.
THEY ...
HOW DO WE ACCESS THE SEWERS?
AS I SAID, I DON'T CARE.
THE WORLD IS FULL OF TRAGEDIES, AND THERE ARE SO FEW SAVIORS.
I'M ASHAMED TO SAY YOU'RE CORRECT.

DOCHA
SLAM!
ドガッ
THIS IS A MAP OF THE SEWERS.
IT'S OLD, FROM THE TIME WHEN THIS TEMPLE WAS BUILT...
IS IT ACCURATE?
WATER STILL FLOWS IN THIS TOWN, SO I DON'T THINK THE DAMAGE SHOULD BE TOO BAD.
BUT IT COULD BE A BIT OF A MAZE.

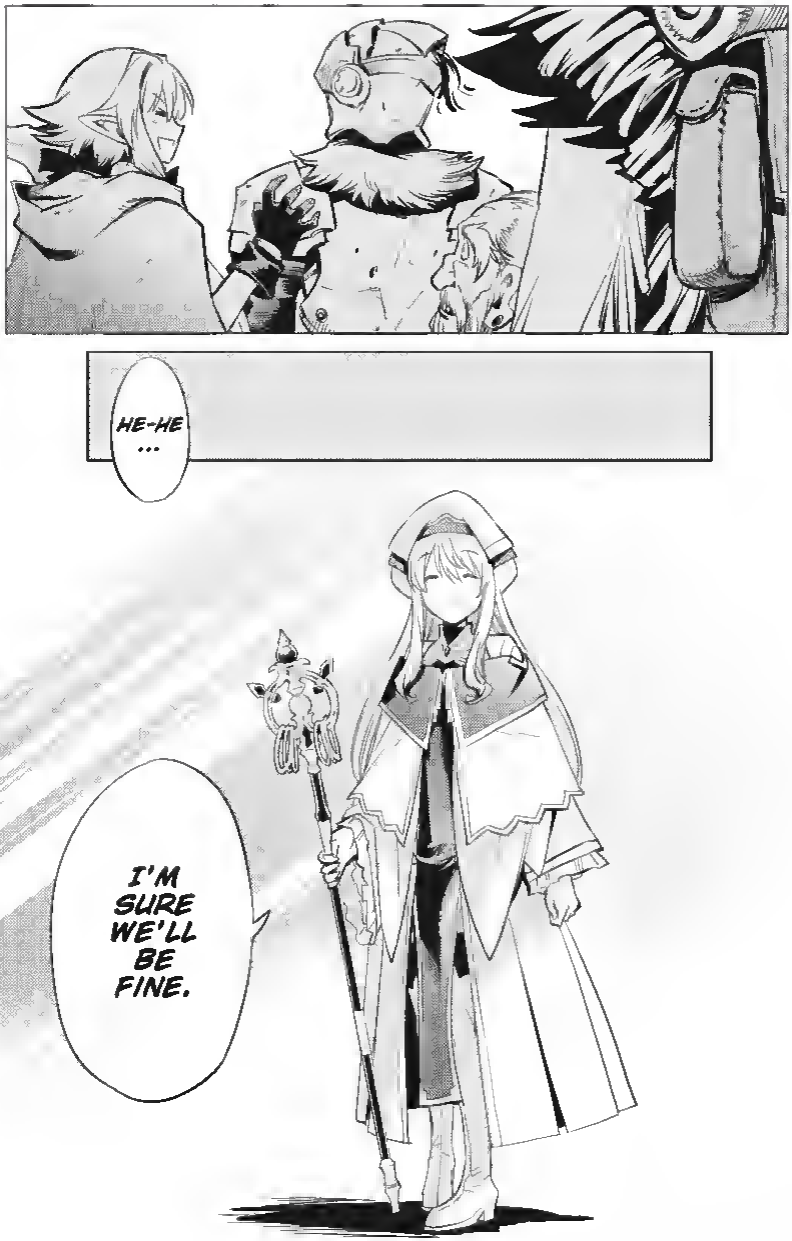


PRIESTESS: *A GIRL WHO RECENTLY LEFT THE TEMPLE OF THE EARTH MOTHER TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER*

HIGH ELF ARCHER: HIGH ELF SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER AND SUPERB ARCHER.

DWARF SHAMAN: SAME PARTY AS HIGH ELF ARCHER THEY OFTEN ARGUE

LIZARD PRIEST: SAME PARTY AS THE ELF AND THE DWARF MEDIATES BETWEEN THEM


HE-HE ...
I'M SURE WE'LL BE FINE.

DOPLOP
SPLOOSH
THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.

PHEW...
GOOD WORK.

TO THINK THERE ARE SO MANY GOBLINS JUST BELOW THE TOWN...
I EXPECTED THIS.
THIS ADVENTURER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED.
ONE BLOW TO THE HEAD.
NOT EVEN TIME TO DRAW HIS WEAPON.
GOOD.
I DON'T THINK...
THAT'S THE WORD I'D CHOOSE...
MAY I...?

O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY..
...PLEASE, BY YOUR REVERED HAND, GUIDE THE SOUL OF ONE WHO HAS LEFT THIS WORLD.
WE WOULD FAIN HAVE RETURNED HIM TO THE EARTH...
...BUT LET HIM AT LEAST BECOME FOOD FOR THE RATS AND WORMS, AND CONTINUE THE CYCLE.
ZUKU
WHAT'S THIS? IMITATING BEARD-CUTTER?
NO! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS FIGHT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE, AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO USE GOBLIN ARROWS.
THEY'RE SO CRUDE.
REALLY?
YES, REALLY!

WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THIS COULD GO ON?
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE WE STARTED OUR SEARCH.
BUT THE ATTACKS STILL COME AS OFTEN AS EVER.
AND THIS MAZE... ONE'S ATTENTION CANNOT FLAG FOR AN INSTANT.
DON'T WORRY.
THIS IS A STONE WALL. AN AMBUSH THROUGH IT IS UNLIKELY.
THIS BRINGS BACK BAD MEMORIES ...
!
RAIN ...?

SWISH
RAIN'S UP TOP. IT COMES HERE VIA THE SEWER GRATES AND THE RIVERS.
HOW CAN IT BE RAINING UNDERGROUND, ANYWAY?
WE'RE LUCKY THE RAIN ISN'T AS HARD IN THIS PASSAGEWAY.

HEY... ORCBOLG, WHY DON'T YOU USE LANTERNS?
YOU COULD HANG IT ON YOUR BELT AND HAVE BOTH HANDS FREE.
A TORCH CAN DOUBLE AS A WEAPON.
HERE, DRINK.
AWFULLY CLEVER OF YOU TO BRING LANTERNS.
TORCHES WOULD NEVER HAVE LASTED IN THIS WEATHER!
DRINK UP, BEARD-CUTTER.
HRGGH!!
IT BURNS!
YUCK!
YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.
AND IF A LANTERN BREAKS, IT BECOMES USELESS.
HUH...
ZAAAA (FFSSSSSH)

...I HAVE THIS BREAD AND GRAPE WINE.
I'D LOVE TO MAKE SOMETHING MORE INVOLVED ...
...BUT IT'S HARD TO WORK UP AN APPETITE AROUND HERE.
TRUE ENOUGH!
THANKS!
LET'S PUT SOMETHING IN OUR BELLIES.
IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE BUT...
THEN LET US AGREE TO A FEAST WHEN THIS ORDEAL IS OVER.
AH, YES! A FEAST IN THESE PARTS INCLUDES —
GRILLED RIVER FISH AND A STIR FRY OF BEEF LIVER AND WINE.
IT'S SAID THE GRAINS AROUND HERE ARE ROUGH, MAKING FOR EXCELLENT BATTER.
...WHAT HE SAID.

WONDER WHO HE MEANS...
WHEN I SAID I WAS COMING HERE...
...AN ACQUAINTANCE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
OH HO. YOU'RE QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE, MILORD GOBLIN SLAYER.
STAY CALM.
BA (JUMP)

SOME-
THING'S
COMING...
...
GUU
HERE,
BEARD-
CUTTER!
PASHI
(CLONK)
ZA
(SPLASH)

ZA
ZA
(SPLASH)
(TWANG)
SHIP
!?
A GOBLIN

KIN
(PIN-A-N-D)
O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY...
...BY THE POWER OF THE LAND GRANT SAFETY TO WE WHO ARE WEAK.
PROTECTION!
KIN
KIN (PLONK)
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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!
IT'S ENOUGH.
WITH THESE NUMBERS, I CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF FOREVER!
WHAT ELSE?
WHAT I ALWAYS DO.

KILL ALL THE GOBLINS.
TO BE CONTINUED!

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